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6 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: BGFIEND/VALUABLE

On 4 June 1953 British Secret Service Ington, a copy of the attached memory questions raised by on 1 June 1953 (see this same subject)	DC/PP, handed (MI-6) Representative in Wash- orandum as CIA's reply to the in his conversation with memorandum of 1 June on
CIA's position perfectly clear.	nemorandum and said it made
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1. It has been our strong feeling that	hould return
as soon as possible to his post	His return had already been long
delayed in view of our intention to keep hi	m here for the proposed FIEND/
VALUABLE Washington meeting which wa	s subsequently cancelled by London
Consequently has been directed	to return to his post and is now
enroute directly by sea. In view	of prolonged absence
we do not feel that we possess	sufficient information to come to
an intelligent conclusion in the case of Ga	qi Gogo. It is noted that the BK
•	time when was absent
from Rome and that the same document wa	
	rders. Under these circumstances
it appears to us both logical and necessar;	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
reach a joint understanding as to their into	-
any possibly premature and ill-informed of	
Washington-London level. It was our hope	
that the proposed Washington meeting wou	
and their responsible superiors together u	
permit an intelligent discussion of, and m	utually satisfactory decision
concerning, this incident.	
2. We therefore feel it necessary that the case of Mr. Gogo until discussions have and	ve taken place between hope that these discussions will ent and that no further head-
3 In the event that and agreement in this matter, we suggest that a higher level FIEND/VALUABLE meeting later in the summer and at which we hope including those items proposed by London 8 June meeting which was cancelled.	g which we hope can be arranged to discuss a number of matters,

4. If it should unfortunately prove unavoidable to handle the Gogo matter on a showdown basis as demanded by the BK, rather than on a basis of mutual adjustment and conciliation, we feel that it would also become unavoidable that other problems which have been festering in NCFA be brought before the NCFA executive committee to be handled on a comparable basis. We strongly feel, however, that this would be equally unfortunate and that all outstanding problems should be handled by conciliation. We further feel that it is absolutely essential to the success of this activity that the British and Americans present a united front to the NCFA as a whole.

5. We hold no brief for Mr. Gogo personally and do not pre-judge him one way or the other. Nor do we feel prepared at this point to support either his retention or removal from his present position. We do not, however, consider Mr. Ihsan Toptani to be an acceptable replacement.

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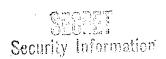
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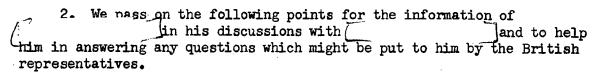
1. It is requested that you pass the following points to our early convenience:

to his post A. With regard to the return of it is our feeling that in view of our urgent need for his services in the field he should return without further delay and without passing through London. We would recall that vas postponed once already, at some inconvenience, return with a view to holding him here for the proposed FIEND/VALUABLE meeting in Washington, which was subsequently cancelled. Mr. Lieb was able to make reservations on the Andrea Doria, leaving New York at noon on 3 June and we do not wish to delay his return to his post, where the situation among the emigre politicians is such that his presence is urgently required. We remain ready to discuss the Gogo incident on either the Washington-London level or the Rome Liaison level, but we see no need for o proceed to London before returning to Rome.

B. We propose that, upon his return take no action with respect to the charges levelled at Mr. Gaqi Gogo until such time as he has reached full agreement with the time it appears that those charges are sufficiently serious to warrant taking action against Gogo, we propose, partly in the interest of fair play but even more with a view to clearing up what appears to be a very unwholesome situation in the NCFA in particular and the Albanian emigration in general, that certain other matters also be referred to the Executive Committee for decision, matters involving the irregular and unauthorized activities of other members of the NCFA.

C. In the event that and are unable to reach agreement on the handling of the Gogo problem, we suggest that the question be referred to a high-level FIEND/VALUABLE meeting which we hope can be arranged later in the summer and at which we hope to discuss a number of important matters.





- A. The memorandum passed to by the BK could not be discussed with before parture (on orders and not on vacation). since was away not returning until after ad left the city.
- B. At the time of his discussions with the BK representatives,
 was requested to consider them as confidential in nature
 and to be treated only between the BK and himself; at the conclusion
 of these meetings (as specifically requested by Vasil Andoni
 to "consider things as they were" prior to the discussions. In view
 of this it was (understanding that no action would be taken
 before his return (The passing of the memorandum to
 immediately after (departure not only constitutes a breach
 of faith on the part of the BK representatives but raises obvious
 questions as to their motives.
- C. Upon arrival in Washington he reported fully to his headquarters. Since this matter appeared to be one which could best be handled on the level of our Rome liaison--especially since any action which might be taken would have to be on the basis of an Executive Committee decision rather than on the strength of a unilateral demand by one of the component elements of the NCFA -- we advised(on 9 May 1953 (OUT 60113) that/ return direct it being understood that, if/ failed to reach agreement, the matter would be reviewed by London and Washington. It was made clear at that time that, while we made no brief for Gagi Gogo, we did not consider Ihsan Toptani to be a desirable replacement.
- D. When, on 22 May, we were advised (IN 26937) that London considered this matter sufficiently important to warrant handling by Washington and London. we immediately (23 May) advised and (OUT 63188) that we would be very happy to meet with MI-6 representatives in Washington at the earliest possible date to discuss this and other matters relating to the NCFA.
- E. Upon receipt of London agreement to such a meeting (26 May, IN 27738) we immediately cancelled reservations in order to hold him over until the conferences were completed c. 12 June.
- F. It was, therefore, with some surprise that (28 May) we learned that the meeting was not to be held after all, (IN 28543) on the grounds that "discussions concerning a single operation by a case officer did not warrant such extended travel"--since we understood (IN 28034 and IN 26937) that both

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felt the situation serious enough to warrant handling on the Washington-London level and since we had agreed (IN 26041 and OUT 63188) to a British-proposed agenda involving a variety of other matters of mutual interest.

G. While we do not overlook the fact that Gaqi Gogo appears to have become involved in activities not appropriate to his position as Executive Secretary, we deplore the statement of the BK, a single element of the NCFA, that "they cannot accept Mr. G. Gogh to act any more as administrative secretary of the NCFA", although we agree that they have every right to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for decision and we are quite prepared to support them in seeing that they have the opportunity to raise the matter in that Committee at the earliest possible moment.

H. By the same token we take exception to the unilateral BK demands (as reported by that Gogo accept dismissal, vacate his flat, or turn over his archives—all this in the apparent absence of any reference to the Executive Committee, and contrary to assurances given to effore his departure. The BK threat not to accept any decision which the Executive Committee may take would seem to be a further example of an attitude which appears hardly compatible with usual democratic processes.

Acting Chief, SE

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sentative in Washington, re	J British Secret Service (MI-6) Repre- aised the following points on 1 June 1953.
randum stated that GOGA r the Committee for Free Al	left he received a memo- Committee for Free Albania. This memo- nust be fired or the BK would split off from bania. The reason given was that the BK has y and alleged that GOGA has misapplied funds nts.
CIA case offi	tated that his Service has been prodding licer, for some American reaction to the has been forthcoming.

Service considers it essential that there shall be some joint policy on this matter prior to the time that/ to Rome.

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further stated that:

- (a) GOGA belongs to the Legalitat Party. While the BK is prepared to accept another member of the Legalitat, they are not prepared to accept GOGA. The objection is to the man and not to the Party.
- (b) The Secret Service (MI-6) does not know the rights and wrongs of the BK complaint but feel in general that GOGA is unsatisfactory and it would be better if he were out of the

suggested that the above be called to the since the subject might arise during the London

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meetings. He emphasized that the important thing is to settle on a joint policy prior to the time that departs for Rome.

Deputy Chief, Inspection and Review

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